

MIKI MATSUDA



# GIRLS & PANZER - 1966

## *"Full charge! Pivot turn!"*



Ed note: YES, the story happens right before the final battle. The Pz IV was the last tank to be used. I clearly show the short gun. It's not a Henschel Pz IV. It is labeled as a Panzer.

SHE  
WAS A  
MEMBER  
OF THE  
SENSHADO  
CLUB!

EVERYONE,  
DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
HER?

THE OLD LADY  
HERE THAT  
KNEW THE  
"PANZER IV"...  
THE TRUTH IS...



Our  
"SENSHADO"  
was something  
completely  
different.

I WAS JUST  
AN EXCHANGE  
STUDENT THOUGH,  
WHO MATCHED UP  
THE STOPS OF THE  
SCHOOL CARRIER  
FOR THE SAKE OF  
INTERCHANGE...

IT REALLY  
HIT ME OFF.

TSUKE, AGE 16

RENO, NEVADA, US STATE MANOEUVRING GROUNDS

1969

...AND YOU  
PARTOOK  
IN THE  
CONTEST?

OUR  
PRIDE, THE  
PANZER IV  
AND TYPE 3  
LOOKED QUITE  
SHABBY.

MOREOVER,  
SINCE "EVERYTHING  
GOES", THE TANKS  
WERE HOT RODS.

IN  
CHEESY  
COLOURS  
TOO.

Wow

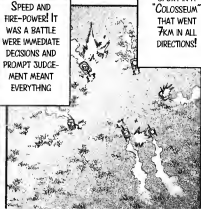
A BLUE WHITE  
RED THING

Ahh, IT WAS  
SOMETHING  
LIKE AN INTER-  
LEAGUE MATCH



WE PRACTISED  
A COMBAT  
SPORT IN A  
"COLOSSEUM"  
THAT WENT  
7KM IN ALL  
DIRECTIONS!

SPEED AND  
FIRE-POWER! IT  
WAS A BATTLE  
WERE IMMEDIATE  
DECISIONS AND  
PROMPT JUDGE-  
MENT MEANT  
EVERYTHING





—WE WERE  
WILLING TO DO  
FULLY ABSURD  
THINGS.

BECAUSE WE  
DIDN'T HAVE  
A YAMATO  
NADESHIKO  
DISPOSITION—



**Girls, Start your engine!**



BUT  
STILL, WE  
DARED—

THE MATCH FORM  
WAS COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT FROM  
JAPANESE  
SENSHADO, WHICH  
SEEMS MORE LIKE A  
CHESS PROBLEM...





OUR OWN...

AND CLASHED  
WITH THEM USING  
"OUR OWN WAY  
OF DOING IT" —

WAY OF  
DOING IT...  
YOU SAY?





BECAUSE  
WE  
DIDN'T  
FORGET  
OURSELVES

...YOU'LL FIND  
A WAY TO  
FIGHT THEM.

IF YOU MANAGE  
TO DO THIS, THEN,  
NO MATTER HOW  
STRONG YOUR  
OPPONENT, OR ON  
WHAT GROUNDS...

# FRONT ROW SEATS

HOW COULD I FAIL  
TO REALIZE THAT  
SUCH AN AMAZING  
SENPAI WAS LIVING  
NEARBY!!

I'M DEEPLY  
MOVED~~~~!!

SFX:  
STARTLED

SFX:  
MUHMO~

A FORMIDABLE  
ENEMY, SCHWARZ-  
WALDSPITZE...

THIS WAS THE IMPOR-  
TANT PUSH, BEFORE  
FIGHTING ONEE-CHAN.



A FEW WORDS  
FROM TSUKE  
OBAAA-CHAN  
GAVE US A PUSH  
ON THE BACK.

IT'S A DIGRESSION, BUT  
AFTER THIS TSUKE-  
SAN WENT TO THE US  
ONCE MORE. AND,  
THANKS TO THE HELP  
OF A SMALL-SCALE  
FACTORY, WAS ABLE  
TO PARTICIPATE WITH  
THE JAPANESE PHAN-  
TOM TANK "TYPE 5".

SEEMS LIKE  
SHE WENT ON  
A RAMPAGE  
TROUGH THE  
UNLIMITED CLASS,

BUT THIS IS A  
DIFFERENT STORY.



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